

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 and 44-70 are pending. Claims 24-43 and 71-97 have been canceled.

The Examiner has grouped the claim for restriction purposes as follows:

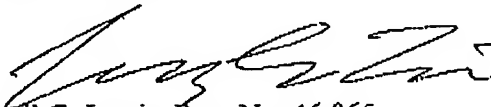
Group I: claims 1-23 and 44-70

Group II: claims 24-43 and 71-97

The Applicant hereby elects to continue the prosecution of the Group I claims, i.e., claims 1-23 and 44-70. Non-elected and now canceled claims 24-43 and 71-97 will be pursued in a divisional application to be filed prior to the issuance or abandonment of this application.

Applicant invites the Examiner to call the undersigned with respect to any questions pertaining to this application (832-446-2422).

Respectfully submitted,



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